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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** 'Robert Eakin'  
**Subject:** RE: Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Eakin,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protestant File of the Dockets listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order
- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116871>

Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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 Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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**From:** Robert Eakin [mailto:Robert.Eakin@psc.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** Duke Energy Rate Increase

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Two funding issues by Duke Energy are out-of-line. First Duke raised the CEO compensation by 55% last year. I am a retired chemical industry executive and this type of increase is out-of-line for a company that has a marginal performance record during 2017 and 2018. Perhaps those funds could have been better utilized to improve the reliability of their systems. Second, they are desiring a 12.5% rate increase, according to public information. I have no idea what their justification is for this significant request but I just received a 2.8% increase in my Social Security Benefit for 2019 based on the cost-of-living index. In case you are not aware SS cost of living increases have been as follows over this 5 year period, 2015 to 2019: 1.7%, 0.0%, 0.3%, 2.0% and 2.8%. I am sure their costs have been up the last several years due to a significant number of outages with associated increase in maintenance costs. This is their issue, not the public's issue, so you need to look closely at their management practices, their ability to manage their costs and their ability to sustain electricity reliability for the customers in their region. Bottom line - a 12.5% increase in income is a huge multiplier based on their current revenue. Look close and carry a big stick to protect the consumer. Regards, Bob